

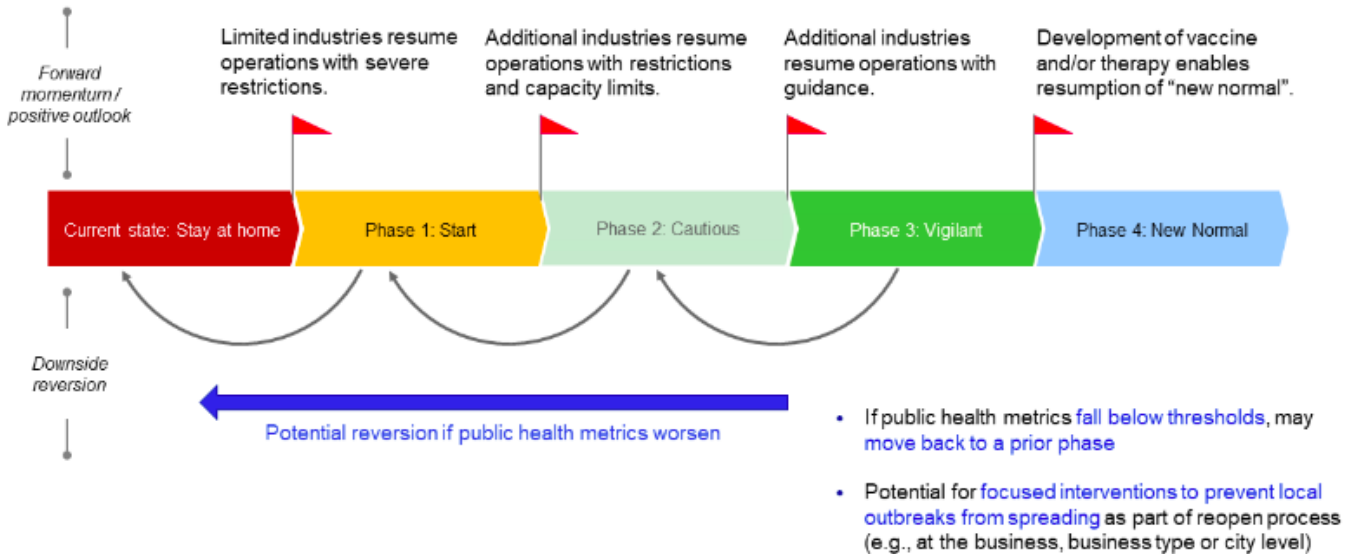
COVID-19 Update for Devens: May 13, 2020



Reopening Planning Efforts: The MA Reopening Advisory Board has released a four-phase approach to reopening the MA economy based on public health guidance. Businesses and activities with a lower risk of COVID-19 transmission will open in earlier phases. Public health metrics will determine when the first phase of reopening begins, as well as when it is safe to move into later phases. If public health metrics worsen, the state may need to return to an earlier phase.



Four-Phase Approach to Reopening Massachusetts



To learn more, go to: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/reopening-advisory-board> Make sure your business is prepared to re-open safely by planning now. All businesses that will be allowed to re-open in phase 1 will be required to have the following Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards in place: <https://bit.ly/MAStandards> The Center for Disease Control has additional guidance that can help: <https://bit.ly/CDCGuidleines>

Essential Services Still Operating: Essential Service Businesses still operating should be following the [CDC guidance for businesses](#) and should also be following [additional guidance](#) from the MA Department of Public Health. All businesses and organizations that do not provide "COVID-19 Essential Services" remain closed to the public. Businesses are encouraged to continue operations remotely where feasible. Full details at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-essential-services> .

Wear a Mask to Flatten the Curve! The stay at home advisory remains in effect so if you must go outside for any reason, all persons over the age of 2 in a place open to the public (indoors or outdoors) must wear a mask or cloth face covering. Full details of the order are at: <https://bit.ly/35yTrff>. Non-compliance with the Governor's order could result in a civil penalty of up to \$300 so for everyone's health and safety, if you have to go out, please ensure you wear a mask. Remember, this is NOT a replacement for social distancing so please continue to stay at least 6 feet apart from others and do not congregate in groups. Learn how to make your own face covering at the [CDC website](#). If you need masks, the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health has free face masks available. For more information, contact Bridgette Braley at 978.772.3335 or bbraley@nashoba.org If you have masks to donate, please also reach out to Bridgette.

Hungry? A number of restaurants, bars, and other establishments that sell food and beverages in Devens and the surrounding region are still open for take-out and by delivery. **Call ahead** to make sure they are open and be sure

to wear your face mask if you are picking up. **Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry** is also currently operating as a drive-thru pantry and will be open this week on Wednesday, May 13th and Saturday May 16th. If you are well and able, they are seeking volunteers to assist in their efforts. For complete details, go to: <https://loavesfishespantry.org/>

Financial Resources for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19: The Nashoba Valley Chamber of Commerce has a comprehensive listing of local, state and federal resources that can assist businesses during this crisis: continues to provide <https://www.nvcoc.com/covid-19-coronavirus-resources/> . Thanks Melissa!

Contact Tracing: Persons testing positive for COVID-19 will receive a call from the MA COVID Team to provide you with support and to help identify those you have had close contact with to help stop the spread. These calls will come from a number with a 833 or 857 area code, so please answer.

Remember to Recycle! EPA is encouraging all Americans to recycle materials from their households and businesses and properly dispose of personal protective equipment (PPE) which is not recyclable. More details are at: <https://bit.ly/EPARecycle> .

Additional information on COVID-19 for MA businesses and residents can be found at: <http://bit.ly/MADPHCOVID19>. For daily updates and the latest news on COVID-19 in Massachusetts, go to : <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information#daily-updates->

The DEC, acting in its capacity as the local Board of Health for Devens, continues to monitor the situation in Devens in collaboration with the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, the Devens Public Safety Officer (Devens Fire Chief Tim Kelly), and MassDevelopment. **For immediate questions and concerns, residents and businesses can dial 2-1-1.** Any Questions for the DEC can be directed to 978.772.8831.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping to minimize the spread of this virus.